

# How Is Chinese New Year Celebrated?

Chinese New Year is one of the biggest celebrations in the world and it is the cause of the biggest human migration during the year. Celebrating Chinese New Year with food, animals, and colours such as red and gold are very traditional. Everything during this festive holiday means something, for example the colours.

Gold is known as the most beautiful colour. It is worn by royalty or people of importance. It also stands for wealth. Red is also a very important colour during the Chinese holiday as it represents good luck. In China, red envelopes that have money inside are given to children and unmarried adults. People also decorate their houses with red banners. Food also symbolises something meaningful to the Chinese culture.

For instance, noodles are eaten for happiness and for a long life with good health. Egg rolls stand for wealth because they look like gold bars. Fish is thought to increase prosperity while oranges and tangerines symbolise fullness. Like the food and the colours all around the world lanterns are a special part in the Chinese New Year.

Usually lanterns that are a part of the Chinese holiday are red. Lanterns symbolise the wish of a bright future or, as many others believe, it is done to send wishes to passed loved ones. Traditionally, lanterns are made from oiled rice paper which covers a bamboo frame.

As usual, Chinese traditions are meaningful to everyone who is from China. From the food to the dancing. As long as this Chinese tradition keeps going the identity of the Chinese people will always remain through the years. Kung hei fat choi to everyone. (This means Happy New Year in Chinese)

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